Testimony before the Appropriations Committee February 21, 2020 H.B. No. 5005 AN ACT ADJUSTING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Good evening Senator Osten, Representative Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee. My name is Tina Marie Slavic and I am a resident voter in Norwich.

I am here to offer testimony regarding H.B. No. 5005 AN ACT ADJUSTING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2021.

I'd like to thank Governor Lamont for not making budgets to the services I and so many others need. I am member of Reliance Health and have been for five years. I have attended groups at Penobscot place for a year. The groups help me to stay clean. If it wasn't for the program, I don't think I'd be clean today. They help me with my needs and mental state. I love the program I love the staff. They are there to help you, they give you food when you need it once a week. They are there to talk to you, they are there to help you with whatever you need help with. My psych counselor helps me with my medications and issues I have. If it wasn't for Reliance Health, I don't think I'd be anywhere right now. Probably in a ditch or in the street.

Thank you very much for listening to me speak. Thank you Senator Osten for this chance to be heard.